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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Art Unit location of your application in the USPTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Art Unit 2617.

Response to Amendment

2. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-6 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

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5. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rydbeck et al. in view of Bamburak et al., newly recited reference.

Regarding claim 1, Rydbeck et al. discloses a mobile telephone (communication terminal) (fig. 1 number 100) capable of utilizing plurality of radio communication services respectively provided by a plurality of radio communication systems establishing shared radio communication system (col. 1 line 61 through col. 2 line 6 and col. 2 lines 35-66), comprising: hardware processing (controller) (160) for performing common hardware processing necessary for utilizing the radio communication services (col. 2 lines 35-66 and col. 3 line 12 through col. 4 line 63); an communication module (IC card) that stores a plurality of communication software packages necessary for the respective radio communication services (col. 2 lines 35-66 and col. 3 line 5 through col. 4 line 63); software selection unit that selects one communication software package out of the communication software packages stored in the IC card (col. 3 lines 5-48), which one corresponds a communication and software executing unit that executes the selected communication software package (col. 3 lines 5-48). Rydbeck et al. differs from claim 1 of the present invention in that it does not disclose one of said communication software packages enables said communications terminal to identify a radio signal having the maximum reception strength and to specify a communication service provided by the communication system corresponding to the maximum reception radio signal. Bamburak et al. teaches a mobile communication device (fig. 3) comprising a memory (fig. 3 number 16) (communication software package) (paragraph 0024 lines 3-18) for storing a list of optimum service providers (SIDs) and service operator code (SOC) (paragraph 0026 line 3 through paragraph 0028 line 11), and identify a radio signal having the maximum reception strength and to specify a SID and SOC provided by the communication system corresponding to the maximum reception radio signal (paragraph 0029 lines 17-47). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Rydbeck et al. communication module with one of said communication software packages enables said communications terminal to identify a radio signal having the maximum reception strength and to specify a communication service provided by the communication system corresponding to the maximum reception

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radio signal in order for the mobile telephone to identify the network with the strongest signal which provides the mobile telephone preferred communication services based upon cost, as taught by Bamburak et al..

Regarding claim 2, Rydbeck et al. discloses the communication module comprises protocol information related to each network (software program relating signal Transmission/reception, a software program relating signal modulation/demodulation and software program relating to application) (col. 1 line 60 through col. 2 line 6, col. 2 lines 44-55 and col. 3 line 5 through col. 4 line 31).

Regarding claim 3, Rydbeck et al. discloses a software acquisition that acquires another communication software package stored server (personal computer) provided in the shared communication system (col. 3 line 35 through col. 4 line 32).

Regarding claim 4, Rydbeck et al. discloses a controller and sensor (software reading unit) that reads the selected one of the communication software packages stored in the module which selected one corresponds to communication to the communication service to be utilized (col. 4 lines 33-63).

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6. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Korpela in view of Bamburak et al., newly recited reference.

Regarding claim 5, Korpela discloses a base station (software transmitting server) (fig. 3), comprising: a store (26) (software storing) unit that stores plurality of protocol descriptions (communication software packages) respectively necessary for utilizing a plurality of communication services respectively provided by plurality radio communication systems (col. 4 line 14 through col. 5 line 8); and a software transmitting unit downloads (transmits) the stored communication software packages to a communication terminal (col. 6 line 8 through col. 7 line 3). Korpela differs from claim 5 of the present invention in that it does not disclose one of said communication software packages enables said communications terminal to identify a radio signal having the maximum reception strength and to specify a communication service provided by the communication system corresponding to the maximum reception radio signal. Bamburak et al. teaches a mobile communication device (fig. 3) comprising a memory (fig. 3 number 16) (communication software package) (paragraph 0024 lines 3-18) for storing a list of optimum service providers (SIDs) and service operator code (SOC) (paragraph 0026 line 3 through paragraph 0028 line 11), and identify a radio signal having the maximum reception strength and to specify a SID and SOC provided by the communication system corresponding to the maximum reception radio signal (paragraph 0029 lines 17-47). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Korpela stored software with one of said communication software packages which enables said communications terminal to identify a radio signal having the maximum reception strength and to specify a communication service provided by the communication system corresponding to the maximum reception radio signal in order for the base station download a list of service providers for the mobile telephone to identify the network with the strongest signal which provides network services with the cheaper rate, as taught by Bamburak et al..

7. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Korpela in view of Rydbeck et al. and Bamburak et al., newly recited reference.

Regarding claim 6, Korpela discloses an card writing (fig. 3) apparatus, comprising: a store (software storing unit) (fig. 3 number 26 and col. 4 lines 14-67) that stores a plurality of communication software packages respectively necessary for utilizing a plurality of communication services respectively provided by a plurality of radio communication systems (col. 4 lines 57-67); and a software transmitting unit that transmits the stored communication software packages to a memory (IC card within a mobile (communication) terminal (col. 6 lines 7-46). Korpela differs from claim 6 of the present invention in that it does not explicit disclose an IC card to be attached to a communication terminal and with one of said communication software packages which enables said communications terminal to identify a radio signal having the maximum reception strength and to specify a communication service provided by the communication system corresponding to the maximum reception radio signal. Rydbeck et al. teaches a mobile telephone having an attachable/detachable communication module (120) that stores protocol information for multiple wireless networks (col. 3 line 5 line 4 through col. 4 line 33). Bamburak et al. teaches a mobile communication device (fig. 3) comprising a memory (fig. 3 number 16) (communication software package) (paragraph 0024

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lines 3-18) for storing a list of optimum service providers (SIDs) and service operator code (SOC) (paragraph 0026 line 3 through paragraph 0028 line 11), and identify a radio signal having the maximum reception strength and to specify a SID and SOC provided by the communication system corresponding to the maximum reception radio signal (paragraph 0029 lines 17-47). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Korpela with an IC card to be attached to a communication terminal and with one of said communication software packages which enables said communications terminal to identify a radio signal having the maximum reception strength and to specify a communication service provided by the communication system corresponding to the maximum reception radio signal in order for the base station to download a network software to the mobile terminal memory that can be detached and attached and be used when needed based upon the received signal strength and network services provided, as taught by Rydbeck et al. and Bamburak et al..

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Keith T. Ferguson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7865. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am-4:30 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on (571) 272-7872. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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